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Situation Report

Severe Storms

May 10, 2002

A lingering storm system produced heavy rain, hail, and damaging winds across the state beginning on Monday May 6, 2002 ending today. Due to the previous rainfall and nature of the terrain, flooding is occurring as the watershed empties to the larger rivers. The Missouri River is expected to exceed flood stage at some locations. Rivers and streams are expected to continue cresting today and continue cresting through the weekend. Additional rainfall is expected over the weekend, starting this afternoon.

County Reports:

<u>Lincoln County</u>: The search and recovery operation near Hawk Point on the Cuivre River will continue today, however, the rains tonight could cause the river to rise again curtailing the search operation.

<u>Howell County</u>: The cleanup effort for the diesel spill associated with the train derailment near West Plains continues today.

<u>Platte County:</u> Reported straight line wind damage from Wednesday nights' storm. Damage reported: 4 trailers in a trailer park in Weston, MO sustained damage; 2 minor to medium damage, 2 major damage. 2 are probably total losses. 5 families (approximately 18 people) displaced and are staying with relatives.

<u>Cape Girardeau County:</u> The city of Cape Girardeau reported that the two flood gates were closed as a precaution due to the river level predictions.

<u>St. Louis County:</u> Emergency Management officials report that the city of Valley Park will evacuate their City Hall and Police Station if the River Level predictions are correct.

<u>Carter County:</u> There is some minor flooding in Van Buren from the Current River, which crested on Thursday (May 9th); its highest point in ten years, according to local officials. There are one or two homes with water in them, and several homes are surrounded by water. Two area campgrounds were inundated, including Big Spring Camp Ground. Local officials say the present flooding is not as severe as was predicted.

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Ameren UE and Army Corps of Engineers: Report that Bagnall Dam is continuing to run turbines at full discharge rate and Truman Dam is still withholding downstream water flow. The pools for both Lake of the Ozarks and Truman Lake are near full, levels have dropped slightly from yesterday.

<u>Volunteer Agency Reports:</u> American Red Cross reports all shelters closed, but have 20 families they are providing relief services to in the Clinton area.

<u>SEMA Actions</u>: State officials are monitoring the situation, as indicated in this report, widespread damage is reported across the state, however, most of the damages reported would be covered under normal maintenance as a result of spring time flooding.

FEDERAL/STATE Actions:

The Disaster Field Office for the Federally declared disaster as a result of tornadoes in 19 Southeastern Missouri counties will open today, May 10, 2002, in Poplar Bluff. Public Officials Briefings began Thursday afternoon. Plans are being developed to open Disaster Recovery Centers in Carter and Bollinger Counties early next week.

<u>FORECAST:</u> Increasing cloudiness today with the prediction that severe weather will return to the state Friday afternoon and remain through the weekend. The highest chance for severe weather is Sunday afternoon.

<u>Points of Contact</u>: SEMA Duty Officer after hours and weekend number is 573-751-2748. During normal working hours 573-526-9100.

(NOTE: This will be the last report unless the situation determines the need for additional reports.)